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Ed's Piece

Good Grief! Here we are only a fortnight before Christmas and I still have not got the Mag away! As well as that it seems only a short time since I was in the same boat a year ago. Anyway I hope most of you will be able to brouse through your Christmas issue of Flower-Power over the appropriate period. As usual I have tried to include something for the youngsters...this time it is a dice game called The Grand Mayflower Rally. Even though I thought it up myself I'm dieing to have a go and see how it works out.

This issue is being produced under some difficulty as recently we had some of our damper walls treated for a dampcourse by chemical, so I have had to hack off large areas of plaster. So now parts of the house resemble the underneath of an old brick tunnel. To cap it all my wife, who is between sessions of an O.U course and hence with unaccustomed spare time, has decreed that this is an excellent opportunity to undertake extensive redecorating. So not only am I frowned upon for creeping off to the typewriter but my material keeps getting cleared up, moved from here to there and back and so on so it is a wonder that you are getting anything at all!

Robin has now progressed with his TR2 rebuild to the point where an MOT certificate has been obtained and the car is on the road. As Robin is the first to admit, it is hardly concours but it is sound where it matters and all systems are go. Like all 2's it is cold, draughty, wet, lumpy, noisy and very potent. Why anyone should want to put one on the road at the BEGINNING of winter beats me. Still, as he has taken it off to London where he lives this has left a garage free and my TR4, which I have just taken OFF the road for a rest and facelift is enjoying a spell under cover. It is perhaps worth recording that 'My Four' has been in continuous use since I bought it in Sept. '76 and with one exception, when tracking took place on the distributor shortly after I got it, it has never let me down in something over 20,000 miles. I think it has earned the new big end and main shells, decock and general tarting up to which I hope to treat it over the next few months. Rob says I can have one of his spare overdrive units as well...good old lad!!

In the meantime I have reverted to the family spare...!Winnie', a 1959 100E Anglia....slow, sedate and moderately reliable...flat out at 45!! Somebody even asked me if she was for sale! She hasn't been in use since Aug. '76 but with a little dickering up went through the MOT with no trouble....they don't make 'em like that any more!! Considering that the old bus has been run for years on the sump drainings from the 'better' cars in the stable I reckon she does very well...so well that last night I treated her to a sumpfull of brand new unused Duckhams. She positively purred after that.

Eileen has asked me to make known her appreciation of the many letters she has received since her retirement as Hon Sec, and also to thank the Club for the spray of flowers presented to her at the A.G.M. 'Twas no more than you deserve, dear lass, for all your sterling service to the Club.

Ed's Piece continued...

Oh dear, I seem once again to be hogging too much space. Worse than that I hav'nt really got the time to take proper care of all the typing errors (hence the overtyping instead of sealing and recutting). I think me typewriter needs a clean too. (Anyone got a head set for a decoked typewriter?)

Well, all the best for Christmas and let's hope 1978 is a better year for dear old Britannia than the last.

Ed.

AGM NEWS ... 1977

This will be a somewhat sketchy report as, for the aforementioned reasons, I cant find my notes and have to rely on my increasingly dodgy memory. Still, that gives me a good excuse to be brief, and to miss out all the formal stuff.

The meeting, on 9th October at the Bell Inn, Bristol, was well attended, (no trouble with a quorum this time) and there were even some new faces. All the Club officers gave their formal reports on the past year and these were adopted. Eileen Mills said her piece as resigning Hon Sec and was presented with a spray of flowers (rather a magnificent one). Terry said his piece as resigning Spares Sec and got a vote of thanks (Oh well you would'nt want flowers, would you mate!)

Rally Sec Reg regretted the loss on the '77 National Rally and said that he hoped to have a sponsor lined up for '78 which would overcome this. The 1978 Nat. Rally is scheduled for 11th. June at Dodington House. STIR 3 is going to be at Castle Donnington sometime in Aug/Sept.

Regarding the New Cylinder Head Project, we still had quite insufficient numbers of orders and cash promised to proceed. Members who have expressed interest will soon be asked whether we should at least go ahead and order the pattern or whether they would like their money back. Getting the pattern is only half the job, the heads still have to be cast and then machined and prices are rising all the time. What we need really are more firm orders each accompanied by £25 per head required. Note that this money is held in a separate deposit account so it is both safe and earning a little money for the Club.

There was considerable discussion on the question of subscription rates for 1978. It was finally decided that there should be a standard rate for both full and associate members of £3.00 and that this included family membership as well (hope I've got that right). Overseas members will pay a little more as before to cover the higher postal costs.

Again the question of a properly printed cover or title sheet for Flower-Power was raised. It was raised last year and referred to the Committee (they did think about it ,honest, but did not pursue it partly on account of cost and partly because some of 'em like the freedom of a non-standard format). It is to be looked at again in the light of the additional funds expected to be brought in by the higher subscription rates.

I'm sure there were lots of other items but I cant remember them. We finished off with a jolly good tea and natter.

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